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TRANSIT "EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR" HONORED; SAFETY ACHIEVEMENTS RECOGNIZED

Maintenance Worker Casey Rudd Selected for 2012 "Employee of the Year" Honors

Maintenance Worker Casey Rudd was honored as the "Employee of the Year" for 2012 by General Manager Terry Weed during the system's annual awards ceremony on March 3 in Port Angeles. Weed made his selection from nine nominations made by coworkers for outstanding performance. CTS employs 87 people to support and provide public transit service throughout Clallam County. Weed said Rudd is highly respected by his peers.

In announcing the winner, Weed read from the nomination summary which stated "If you need something done efficiently, quickly, and with a smile, Casey is the guy that can do it. He is an extremely competent and dependable worker, always ready to lend a hand or go that extra mile to finish a project right."

Other nominees included Transit Operators Harry Hebert, Bruce Monro, and Curt Register; Dispatcher Bob Kuhn; Lead Maintenance Worker John Hamrick; Cleaner Don Perkon; Customer Service Representative Linda Ott; and Operations Manager Clint Wetzel.

Annual Public Transit Safety and Achievement Awards Announced

Operations Manager Clint Wetzel recognized 14 Operations Department employees for perfect attendance during 2012. They were Pete Christensen and Bob Kuhn (eight consecutive years); Rickie Ronish and Don Trautman (two consecutive years); and Duane Benedict, Scott Gossard,

Brian Kelly, Jack Meyer, Kim Myhres, Danny Smith, Joe Sutton, Nancy Vivolo, Steve Waugaman, and Steve Zipser (one year). Commendation certificates for years of safe driving were presented to: Linda Bell-29 years; Bruce Monro-25 years; Pete Christensen-20 years; Anita Campbell-19 years; Kathy Kroll-16 years; Dan Kauffman-15 years; Dave Rice-9 years; Scott Gossard and Joe Sutton-8 years; Frank Carpenter, David Larrabee, and Steve Waugaman-6 years; Harry Hebert and Steve Zipser-5 years; Larry Estes-4 years; Josh Goakey and Don Smith-3 years; Teresa Acorn, Paul Cousineau, Kevin Erickson, David Fudally, Jim Goff, Jason McNickle, Ken Milliser, Kim Myhres, Jerry Rankin, Jeremiah Reeves, Rickie Ronish, Butch Sonnabend, and Ed Stanard-2 years; and Corey Boyd, Brian Kelly, Frank Ruiz, Danny Smith, Tom Spradlin, and Dana Werner-1 year.

Maintenance Manager Kevin Gallacci recognized the following Maintenance Department employees who received an award for completing the year 2012 with no preventable accident or injuries, along with a commendation for the employees' long term successful safety record: Warren Musgrove for completing his first year; Robert Sanders for the year as well as a total of 12 years without a preventable accident or injury; Marilyn Aldrich and Casey Rudd for the year as well as a perfect record of 12 consecutive years without a preventable accident or injury; and Larry Latson for the year as well as an outstanding perfect record of 25 consecutive years without a preventable accident or injury.

Gallacci also recognized two Maintenance Department employees for perfect attendance during 2012. They were Maintenance Office Manager Marilyn Aldrich and Lead Mechanic Eric Caynak.

The system's Employees' Association Board of Directors Chairman Curt Register announced Operations Supervisor David Whitley had been selected as the recipient of the 2012 "Cliff Pavlak Memorial Recognition Award". Eighteen employees were nominated by their peers for this commendation.

CTS Board Chair Candace Pratt, Sequim City Councilwoman, provided welcome remarks at the beginning of the event.

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